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BOBS is rather pious himself; but, unlike Krüger, he doesn't make a regular business of it.

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LIPTON will bring over two yachts this year. That will be only half the course to each one, perhaps.

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THE SULTAN of Sulu would have more wives, but unhappily he isn't at the head of a comic-opera company.

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THE REFORM most needed calls for newspaper editors to go into pulpits and teach preachers how to preach.

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PETTIGREW is the most unpopular man in the senate, for it must be remembered that Sulzer is in the other house.

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A MAN in St. Louis has been put in jail because he believes he is in hell; and yet the town is no worse than it always has been.

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THERE WAS a general exclamation of "Thank God!" in Topeka when Sheldon quit, and probably Sheldon's voice led all the others.

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THE ICONOCLAST still does his dreadful work. The story of William Tell has been pronounced false, and now Mrs. Langtry says she never put ice down Albert Edward's back.

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SHELDON'S LAST PAPER was called a Sunday edition and was printed at five o'clock Saturday afternoon. Surely the Saviour would never be guilty of falsehood like that.

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THE SULTAN recently exiled eight of his wives. These ladies were not permitted to go to some foreign Dakota to arrange for a divorce. It is even possible that they didn't succeed in getting more than half way across the Bosphorus.

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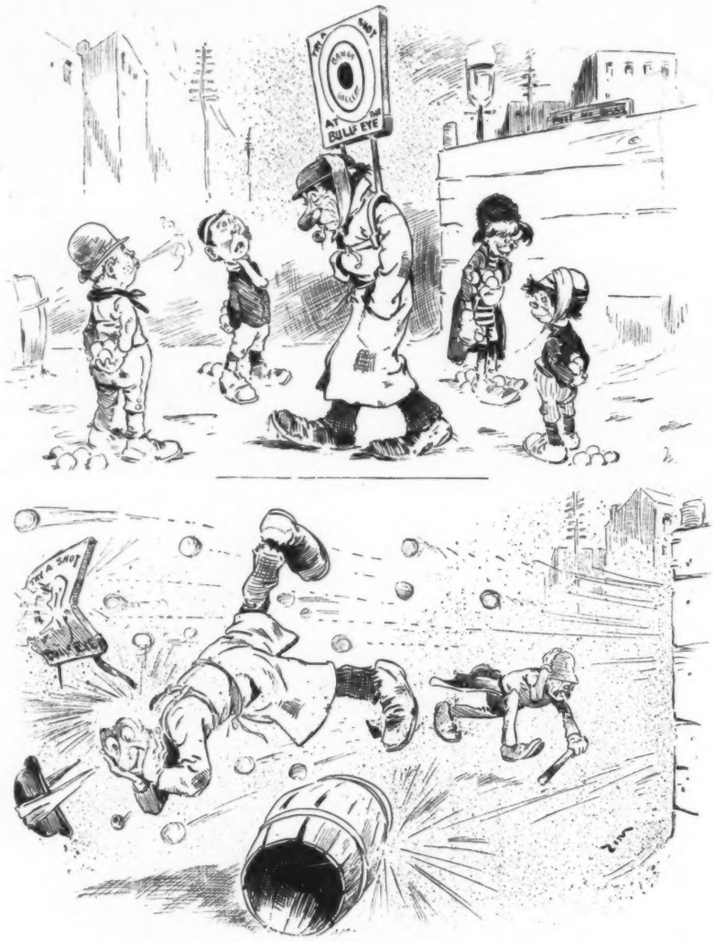
LEW WALLACE charges President McKinley with a design to build up an empire of Puerto Rico and the Philippines, to which are to be added the island of St. Thomas and St. Croix, all of them to be under his personal control. If General Wallace were to put the idea in a novel he would be charged with the grossest and the foolishest of all extravagance.



AN INVITATION TO THE YOUTHFUL MARKSMEN PROMPTLY ACCEPTED.

THE BAR-MAID HERE.

THE INTRODUCTION of the bar-maid to the good society of this town by Mrs. Langtry shows that the latter has really more influence with the society than any other woman. Who else would have dared to do it? Who else would have been permitted to do it? Is it possible that the inferred patronage of Wales makes possible that kind of tolerance here?

A POLITE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

A WOMAN'S CLUB in Chicago advocates the teaching of cookery to young men. The idea is not so bad. There are many men who think that the whole art of being agreeable consists in the ability to order a good dinner. If they also know how to cook one the art will come easier; and again if they lose their money they can make more by superintending the cookery of large establishments.

FINANCIERING.

HAVING TAKEN two millions from the Puerto Ricans in customs dues, this large, dignified government proposes to give the money back to them to show that it never intended to keep the money permanently. "Oh, Sam!" exclaimed one colored gentleman to another, "I jess found a five-dollar bill." "Well," said Sam quickly, "you jess luff 'im down ag'in. I on'y put 'im dar ter try yer."

THE HAIR OF THE DOG.

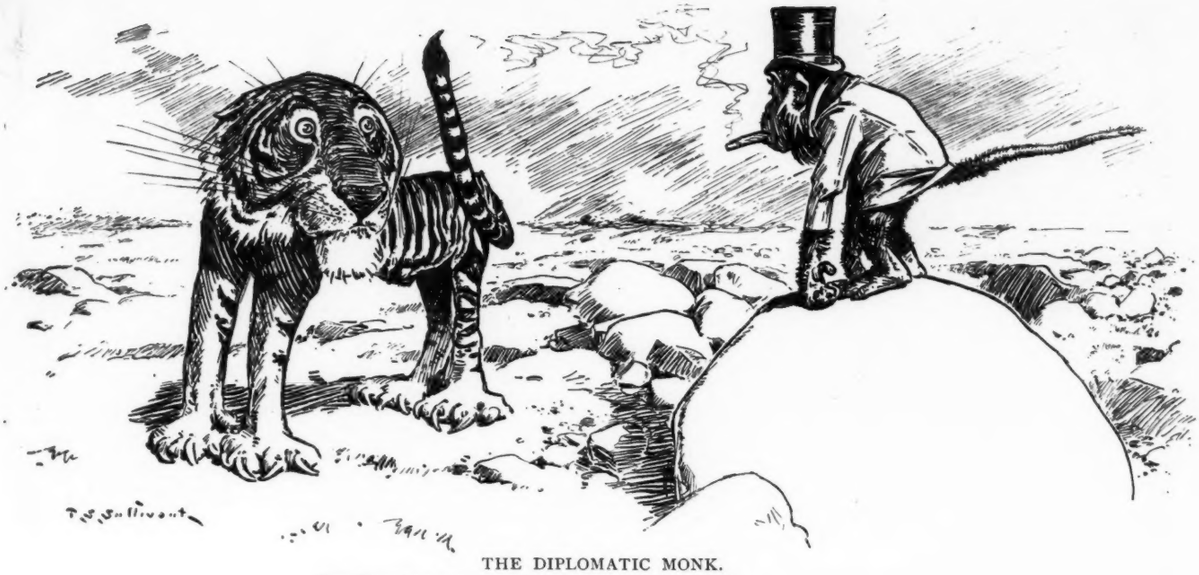
THE FARMERS of Kent county, Delaware, have formed an association whose purpose it is to put up the prices of produce, and they invite other farmers to follow their example. That must not be. It is the chief business of farmers to cry out against trusts, and they are expected to make the cry a shriek and to spend all their spare time in writing speeches against them. To be sure, this is the best way to make opposition to trusts profitable, but that has nothing to do with the work of putting down a great moral wrong.

SACRED GROUND.

THE INDIGNATION of the French over the sending of Cronje to St. Helena would seem to indicate a belief that the imprisonment of Napoleon there gave them the ownership of the island, and they want it understood that they are rather particular as to the kind of prisoners they are expected to entertain. But there are no prisoners sufficiently great to quite satisfy them, and what to do in the emergency to make them happy it is impossible to tell. It is said that Uncle Paul and his wife will be sent there, but obviously that will not make them quite happy.

OUR FORMER PROTÉGÉS.

THE PRESIDENTS of the South American republics propose a conference to invite assurances of peace among those countries and to agree upon the basis for future commercial treaties. The United States is not mentioned, but it is announced that Germany, France, Italy and Austria will support the South American republics against all aggression. This is a great change since the pan-American congress engineered by Mr. Blaine; and if the Puerto Rico business has anything to do with it the presidents in question are certainly acting with frantic haste. Think, however, of the absurdity of a Monroe doctrine with this country left out and all those other countries put in!



THE DIPLOMATIC MONK.

THE TAMMANY TIGER—"Say! W'ot are yer politics?"
THE MONKEY—"Why, my dear friend, they're the same as yours."

A HARBINGER OF SPRING.

"WHICH, crocuses
or arbutus,
Or birds of brilliant wing,"
Said he to her,
"Do you prefer
As harbingers of spring?"

Said she to him, "'Twould
be my whim,
If you agree to that,
To put together
Both flower and
feather
Upon a brand-new hat."

G. B.

HE WORE IT IN FRONT.

Judge (sternly) — "Don't tell me that this is your first appearance here. I am certain I have seen your face before."

Prisoner (cheerily)— "That's the way I've been wearin' it ever since I was born, judge."

CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION.

THE FIRST OUT—"Gee! it's lucky I got here first — bein' de firstborn I'll come into de ole man's title an' estates."

A WAR-EASTER.

OH, WE had no Easter lilies
When the Easter morning broke,
Where we lay in muddy trenches
In a cloud of yellow smoke;
And we lacked the organ-music
Swelling grandly on the ear,
And the rose and ruby windows,
And the carols sweet and clear.

For the Maxim was the organ
Of the tattered boys in blue,
And the singing of the Mausers
All the carols that we knew.
But we never missed the lilies,
For the flag was overhead —
Glorious stars upon the azure,
Glowing stripes of white and red.

MINNA IRVING.

STRAIGHT AHEAD.

NEAR-SIGHTED WHEELMAN—"Say, there friend — is this the right road to the village?"

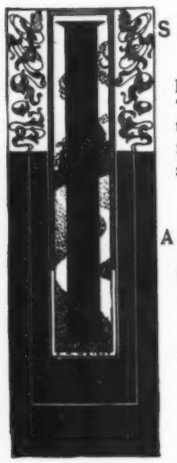
NEAR-SIGHTED WHEELMAN (*as the wind blows the scarecrow*) — "Thanks, very much."

Photo. by Morrison.

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

FLORENCE ROCKWELL—IN "OLIVER GOLDSMITH."

One reason why this comedy so charms us
And bears us back to "Boswell's Johnson" days,
Is, that your eighteenth-century grace disarms us,
And we can only criticise in praise.
In you, such wit and loveliness are mated,
That well might Goldsmith be infatuated.



S USED TO IT.

Dorothy (on the hotel piazza at Niagara falls)—"Goodness! I should think that river 'd get awfully dizzy turning summersets like that."

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

GIVE pity to those who toil and weep,
For such to the Lord are lent;
And always remember that talk is cheap
And advice doesn't cost a cent.

Spring lamb with mint upon it
Is a dish for any king;
But when the lamb springs o'er the mint
It's quite a dangerous thing.

EASTER FEATHERS.

"FINE feathers make fine birds," you say?
You must have spoken that in sport;
For, judging from the church display,
Fine feathers cut their lives off short.

THE LITTLE WHEEL BEHIND.

Beth (who has never before seen an out-of-style ordinary bicycle)—"Goodness! there's a wheel that's been divorced and it's got the custody of the child, too."

A HARE-RAISER.

1. Miss Southerland received a telegram——

A KIND COON.

COLONEL SHOOTER—"What are you doing in my fowl-house, you black rascal?"

SHANGHI SAM—"Why, Colonel Shooter, I—I laid in bed an' it wuz so cold out I thought de colonel's chickens will be froze to def, an' I's dat tender-hearted dat I got right up out uv bed an' couldn't rest till I wrapped em' up nice an' warm in mah coat."

2. ——the startling contents of which made each individual hare stand on end.

IT WAS FALSE.

JACK—"Do you consider her hair a chestnut or an auburn?"
BILL—"Well, it certainly isn't a chestnut, for she hasn't had it long enough."

VERY CLOSE TO IT.

"NOBODY," said the sage of Kohack, addressing his small nephew in an admonitory tone, "is infallible"—he caressed his neck-whiskers thoughtfully for a moment and concluded—"not even the young man who has just graduated from a college."

SARCASM is diluted rudeness.

A PHILOSOPHICAL LOVER.

TOM—"So she sent back your ring?"
JIM (*across the golf-links*)—"Yes! I can buy a wheel now."

"Well, Mistah Johnson, how is yo' to-day?"
"No bettah, Mistah Lee."
"Hab yo' tried a countah-irratant?"
"No; but I bin sleepin' undah a countahpane fo' a week an' I can't see it's done me no good."

STILL MORE REMARKABLE.

"HE'S an old fossil, that's what he is," remarked Miss Kittish, referring to Mr. Willoughby.

"But would it not be more worthy of remark if he were a young fossil?" asked Miss Frocks.

THE TEACHER—"Look heah, Mosey Sunbeam; whad yo' two lil' coons 'chewin' de rag' about, ovah dar?"
MOSEY—"'Rastus Morningglory says yo' can't subtract three from one; but mah daddy subtracted three chickens from one hen-house las' night."
THE TEACHER—"Whad was de result?"
MOSEY—"De result was dat de doctah bin subtractin' beans an' buckshot from his back all day."

THE FIRST FLOWERS.

"EARTH will be drear," the good All-Father said,
"If beauty gladden not the passing hours."
And lo! while sullen desolation fled
God made the flowers.

EMMA C. DOWD.

THE AGE OF CONVENIENCE.

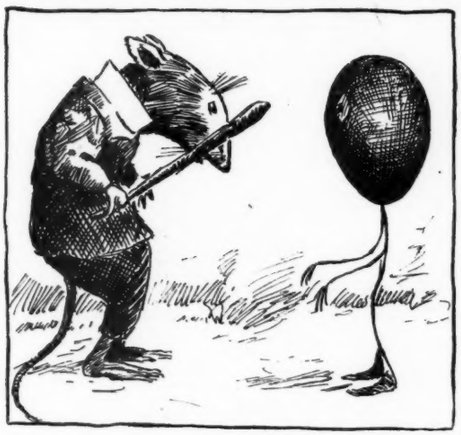
Mrs. Waggles—"Church-pews are much more comfortable than they used to be."

Waggles—"Yes. I wouldn't be surprised if some day they were fitted with alarm-clocks to wake you up when the sermon is over."

THE WRONG CLEW.

Pity the sorrows of a poor country minister! He has been following this couple about town all day, thinking they were looking for somebody to marry them, and finally learns (from Jeb Martin, who knows everybody for fifty miles around) that they are brother and sister.

THE EASTER EGG AND THE VICIOUS RAT.



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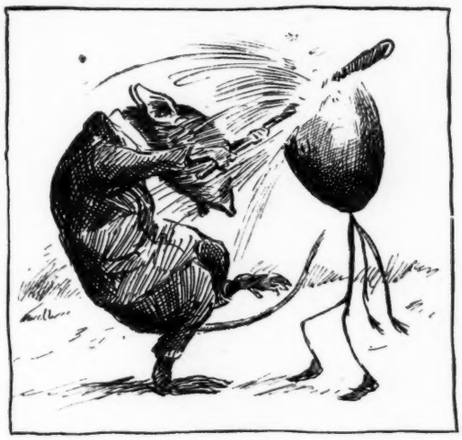
RAT—"Well, you're a good-looking egg. I'll just——



2.

——crack your skull.——

3.

——Whew! That was a bad egg."

TRUE PREDICTION.

IN HER trouble she sought a fortune-teller, and the fortune-teller told her of misfortune.

"You will," said the dealer in futures, "be robbed by a tall, dark man."

The troubled one went forth from the fortune-teller's den straight to the gas-office, where she paid a bill amounting to seventeen dollars and eighty-nine cents to a lanky clerk with black hair and eyes.

AT EASTER-TIDE.

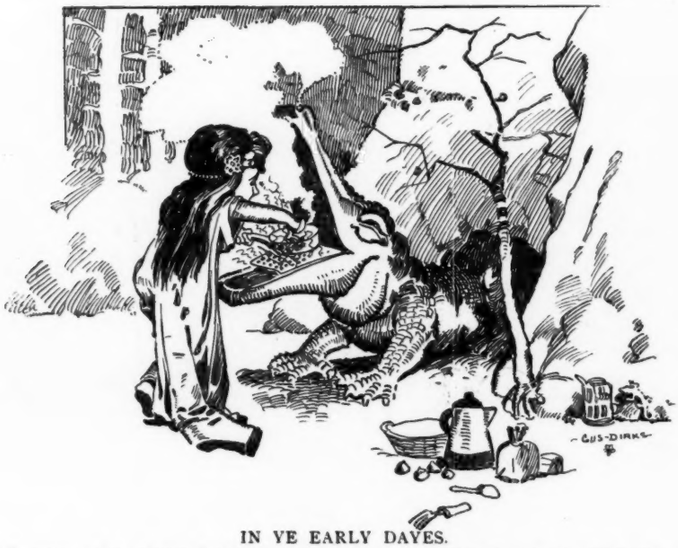
MUSIC and crowds, and day a perfect flower
A-blossom from its calyx, night;
And we two, captives of the witching hour,
Lulled in its leash of song and light.

Before the altar, like the morn's white soul,
The lilies breathe their fragrant prayer;
And all the air is quick with dreams they toll
From April's fancy-haunted lair.

Dim hopes and thrills, too vague for word of tongue,
And strange insistent moods of gloom,
As if some strain that Persian Omar sung
Were prisoned in their sweet perfume.

Or were our souls at some far Easter-tide,
Of which to-day is still a part,
Before the altar folded side by side
Within one lily's golden heart?

JOHN DAHL WHITE.



IN YE EARLY DAYES.

DRAGON—"Say, princess, I wish you wouldn't cook onions any more. I don't like the taste."

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FAR WORSE.

WE THINK the way
the cat comes back
Is really quite a pity,
But it is worse the way
the man
Returns unto the
kitty.

A NICER WAY.

Grace (to little brother) — "Come, Freddie; it is your bed-time. It is nice for little boys to go to bed early, you know."

Freddie (pouting) — "'Tain't so nice as to sit up early, as you and Mr. Wiggins do!"

A QUERY.

Gruberstein— "Zweistein has money to burn."

Dreistein — "Vos dot money insured?"

FAMILY CARES.

MRS. MALTESE — "What makes you sit poring over that directory?"
MRS. TABBY — "The kittens are to be christened this week and I have to get up eleven names somehow."

SPRING FANCY.

"MAMMA," called Bennie, looking into the mirror with much concern at a tiny pimple upon his face, "I'm beginning to bud."

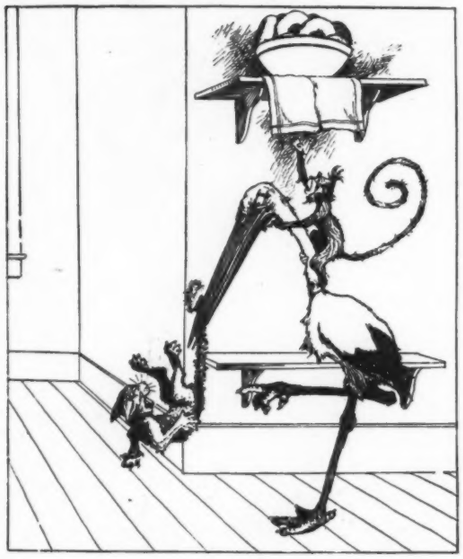
INADVERTENCY.

He — "What makes you so down on young Earl? He didn't try to make love to you, did he?"

She— "Make love to me? No, indeed!"

He — "Ah, poor Earl! One never knows how to please a lady."

NOT one stone was thrown at the woman taken in adultery. If her accusers had been women?



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PISCENE EXTREMES.

NOW spring, a span of gladness,
Runs riot in its flight,
And yet a murky cloudlet
Our spirit makes less bright.

Against the golden sunfish,
That shines so gay and glad,
We feel a purple pathos —
The shadow of the shad.

R. K. M.

NO SATISFACTION.

Mrs. Newcomb (to little Willie) — "I'm afraid you must be sick, dear, you make so little noise."

Willie — "No, mamma; it's 'cause grandma and Aunt Ruth aren't here to hear me."

CERTAINLY.

Collingwood— "Giddings has married a multi-millionairess."

Gildersleeve — "Then I suppose that the instrument which certifies the fact of his marriage is a genuine gold certificate."

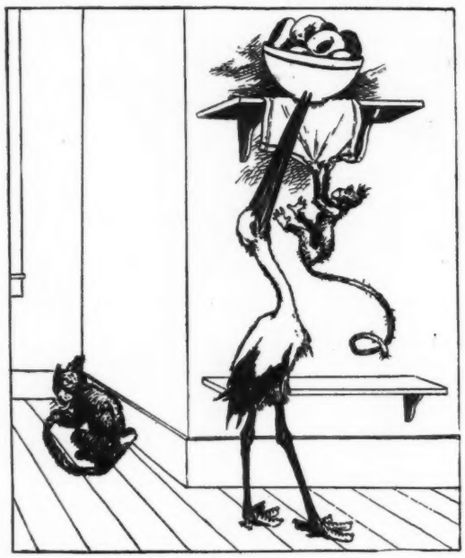
FINE FEATHERS.

FINE feathers don't make fine birds —
No, 'tis just the other way;
But that fine birds make fine feathers,
See the Easter-hat display.

IDENTIFICATION.

Nora — "Och! tare an' 'ouns, misthress! some caller at th' front hov yanked th' door-bell to flinders wid wan jerk.'

Ethel — "Don't be so loquacious, Nora, but go show Mr. de Football into the parlor at once."



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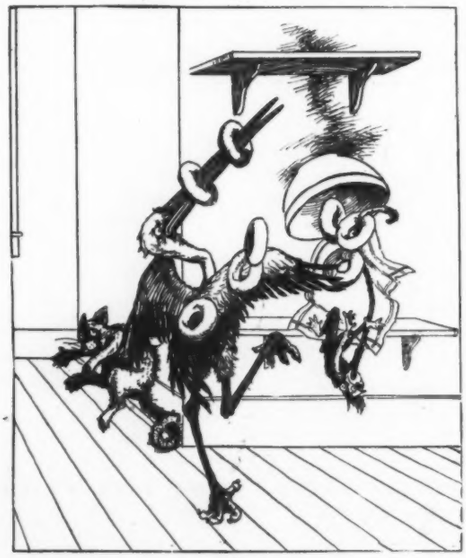

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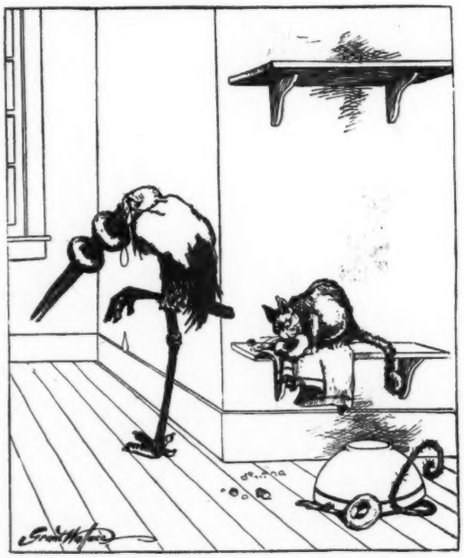

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HOW THE CAT CAME BACK.

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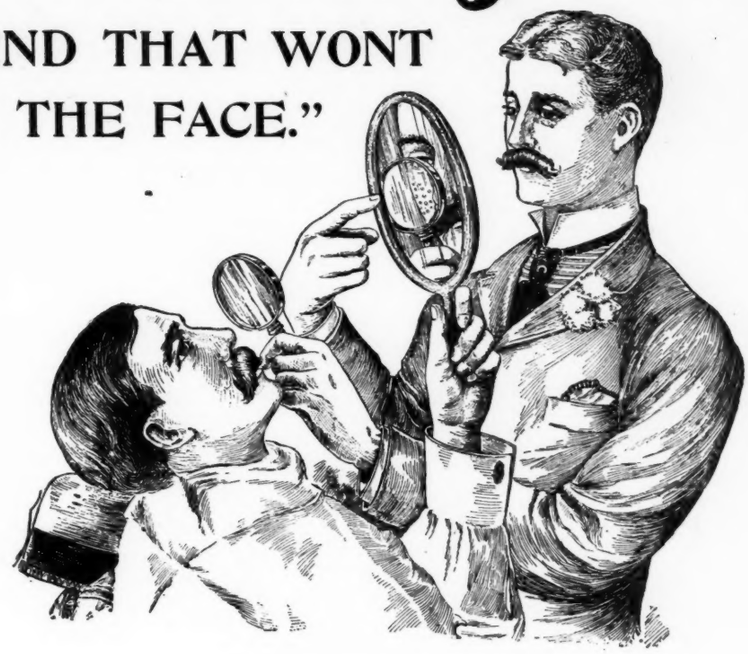

"You can see how it is, Sir."

(*From a Canadian Correspondent*).

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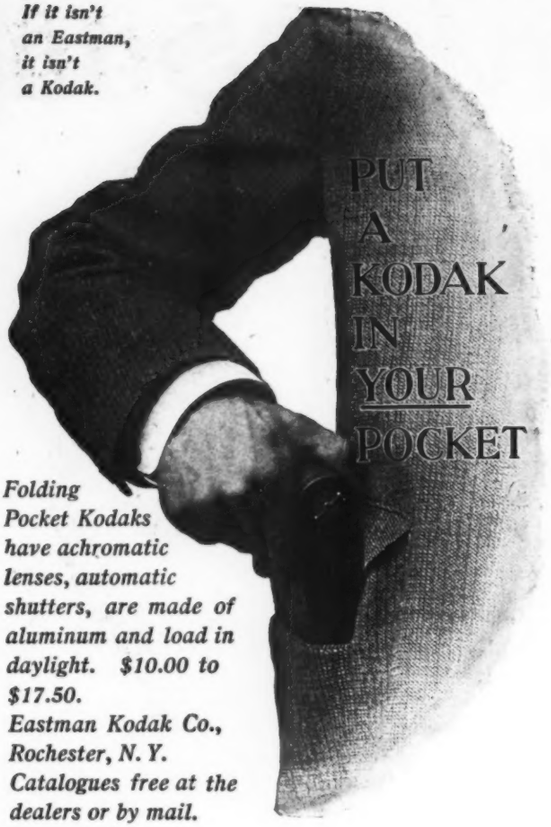

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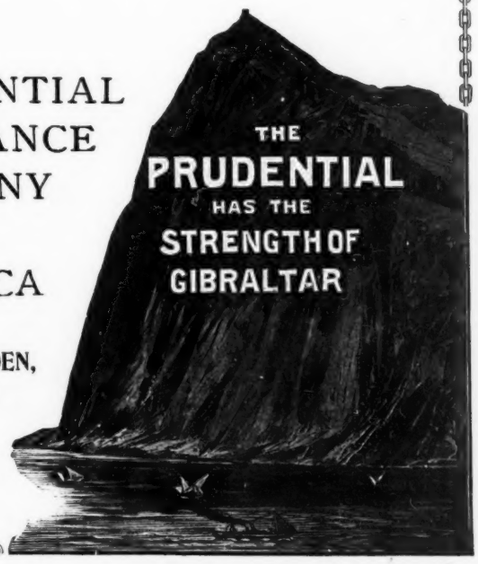

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OF THE

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JAMES G. BATTERSON, Pres't.

Hartford, Conn., January 1, 1900.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, $1,000,000.

ASSETS.

Real Estate,	$2,049,222.72
Cash on hand and in Bank,	1,810,269.96
Loans on bond and mortgage, real estate,	5,981,842.52
Interest accrued but not due,	245,983.39
Loans on collateral security,	1,497,175.51
Loans on this Company's Policies,	1,205,307.27
Deferred Life Premiums,	340,997.04
Prems. due and unreported on Life Policies,	259,449.36
Government Bonds,	789 016.96
County and municipal bonds,	3,114,997.64
Railroad stocks and bonds,	7,819,225.19
Bank stocks,	1,358,674.00
Other stocks and bonds,	1,298,350.00
Total Assets,	$27,760,511.56

LIABILITIES.

Reserve, 3½ per cent., Life Department,	$20,406,734.00
Reserve for Re-insurance, Accident Dep't,	1,500,369.22
Present value Installment Life Policies,	783,193.00
Reserve for Claims against Employers,	586,520.36
Losses in process of adjustment,	219,833.02
Life Premiums paid in advance,	33,178.11
Special Reserve for unpaid taxes, rents, etc.,	110,000.00
Special Reserve, Liability Department,	100,000.00
Total Liabilities,	23,739,327.61
Excess Security to Policy-holders,	4,020,683.95
Surplus,	$3,020,683.95

STATISTICS TO DATE.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Life Insurance in force,	$100,334,654.00
New Life Insurance written in 1899,	17,165,686.00
Insurance on installment plan at commuted value.	
Returned to Policy-holders in 1899,	1,623,417.06
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864,	16,039,380.95

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.

Number Accident Claims paid in 1899,	15,386
Whole number Accident Claims paid,	339,636
Returned to Policy-holders in 1899,	$ 1,227,977.34
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864,	23,695,539.94

Totals.

Returned to Policy-holders in 1899,	$ 2,750,394.40
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864,	39,734,920.89

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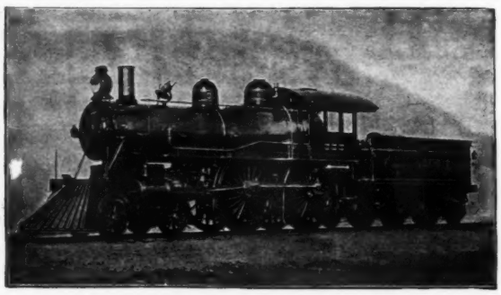

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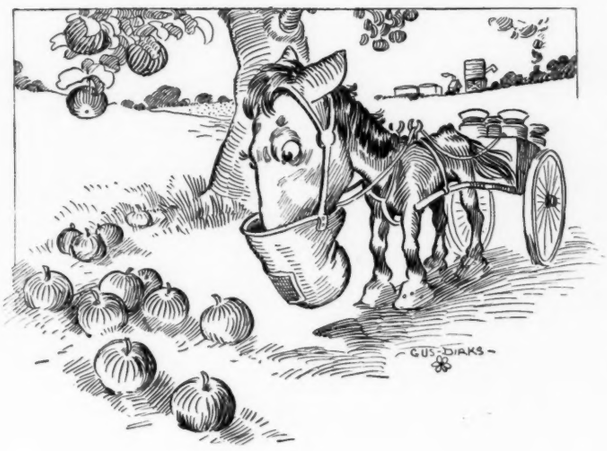

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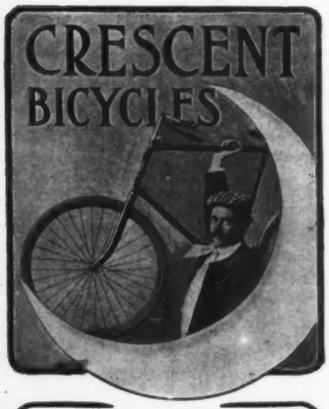

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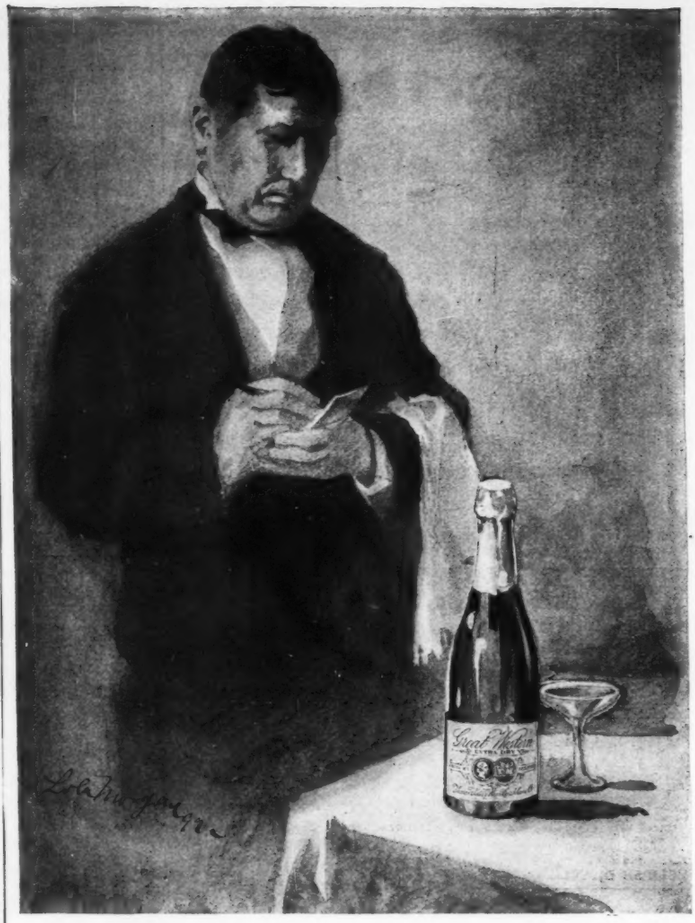

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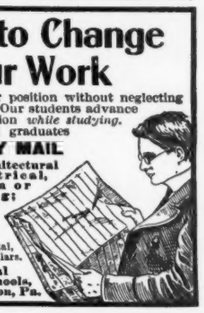

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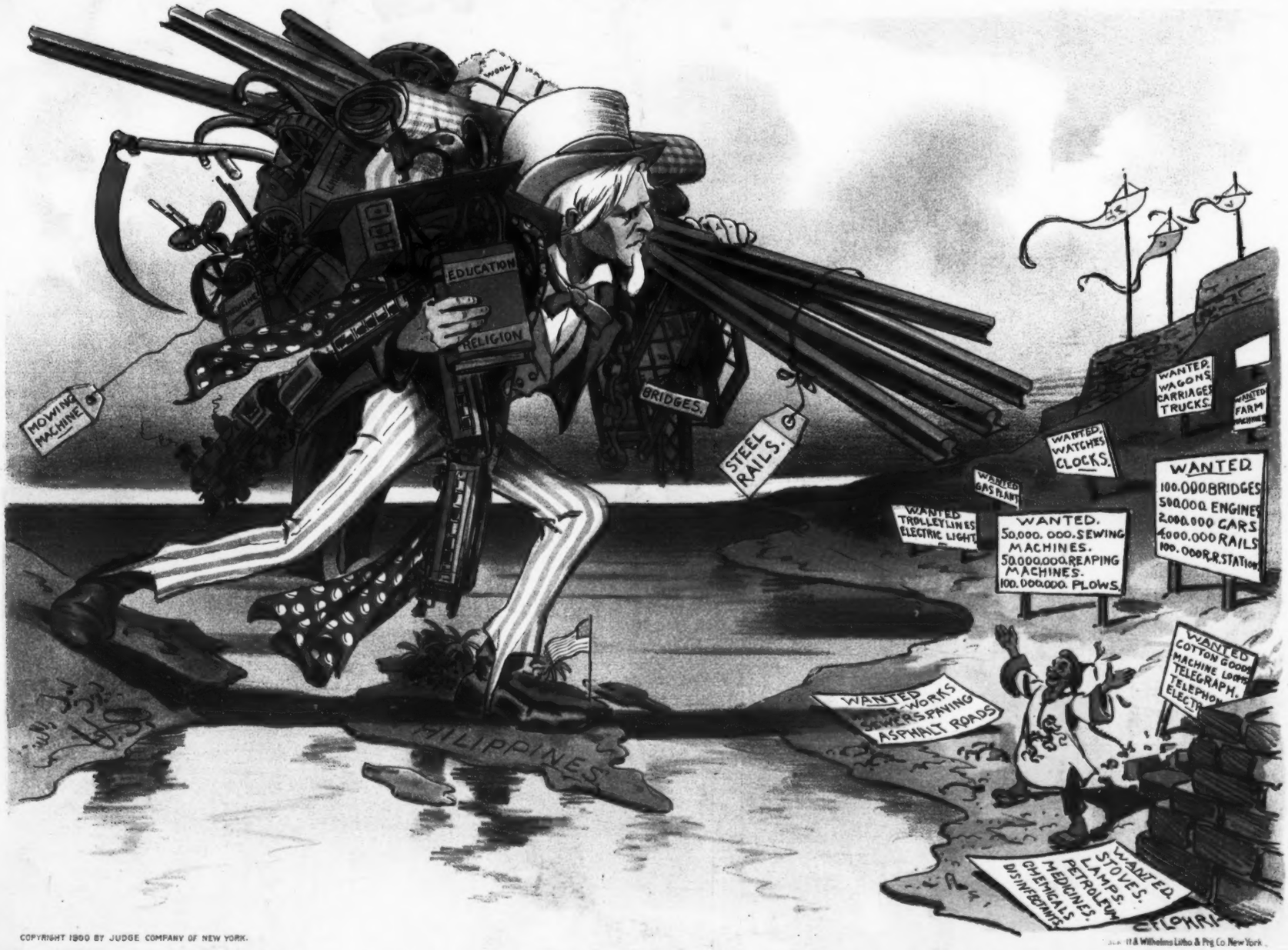

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